†Sri ANNA RAO GANAMUKHI.—It spread over five years covering the age group 6-11 years.

Sri ALUR HANUMANTHAPPA.—It is stated in the answer that education is made free from 59-60 up to VII standard. Up to what standard are you collecting fees ?

Sri ANNA RAO GANAMUKHI.—We are not collecting any fees in primary schools.

Sri ALUR HANUMANTHAPPA.—What will be the extra cost the Government will have to incur for introducing free and compulsory education throghout the state ?

Sri ANNA RAO GANAMUKHI.—It is estimated to be about Rs. 3 crores.

Sri ALUR HANUMANTHAPPA.—In view of the present scarcity of school buildings in villages and in view of the decision to introduce the scheme of free and compulsory education throughout the State in two years, will the Government take steps to see that school buildings are provided in villages where there are no such buildings, before the introduction of the scheme ?

Sri ANNA RAO GANAMUKHI.—The whole of this expenditure includes the construction of additional school buildings and also the appointment of teachers.

Sri G. B. SHANKAR RAO.—Are the Government aware that though free education is introduced from 59-60, in some schools in the four districts of Bombay Karnatak, fees are being collected ?

Sri ANNA RAO GANAMUKHI.—There was such a complaint, for no express orders had been issued. Afterwards we issued the necessary orders not to collect fees.

Sri G. B. SHANKAR RAO.—Will the Hon'ble Minister give an assurance that the fees already collected would be refunded to the students concerned ?

Sri ANNA RAO GANAMUKHI.—Certainly.

Sri G. VENKATAI GOWDA.—In introducing compulsory primary education, from 61-62 onwards I want to know whether the State Governments should depend upon the decision of the Government of India or not ?

Sri ANNA RAO GANAMUKHI.—We have to claim grant from the Government of India ; therefore we have to depend upon them. We cannot fall back upon our own resources which are inadequate.

Sri G. VENKATAI GOWDA.—Are the Government aware that in some other States free and compulsory education has already been introduced?

Sri ANNA RAO GANAMUKHI.—Here also there are many districts ; for instance in the four districts of Bombay Karnatak compulsory education has already been introduced.

Sri H. V. KOUJALGI.—May I know whether it has been extended in the four districts of Bombay Karnatak since the integration or has been left where it was ?

Sri ANNA RAO GANAMUKHI.—Not left where it was ; it is progressing as per the Bombay Primary Education Act. We are giving additional teachers.

ಶ್ರೀಮತಿ ಬಸವರಾಜೇಶ್ವರಿ.—ಈ ಸ್ಕೀಮನ್ನು ತಾವು ಜಾರಿಗೆ ತಂದ ಮೇಲೆ ಜೀವನೋಪಾಯಕ್ಕೆ ತೊಂದರೆಯಿರತಕ್ಕ ಕೂಲಿಗಾರರ ವರ್ಗ ಮತ್ತು ವ್ಯವಸಾಯಗಾರರ ವರ್ಗದ ಆ ಹುಡುಗರ ತಂದೆ ತಾಯಿಗಳಿಗೇನಾದರೂ ಸಹಾಯ ನೀಡಲು ಯೋಜನೆ ಮಾಡಿದ್ದೀರಾ ?

ಶ್ರೀ ಅಣ್ಣಾರಾವ್ ಗಣಮುಖಿ.—ಆ ಬಾಲಕರಿಗೆ ಮಾತ್ರ ಮಧ್ಯಾಹ್ನದ ವೇಳೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ಉಪಾಹಾರ ಕೊಡಲಿಕ್ಕೆ ಮಾತ್ರ ಏರ್ಪಾಡುಮಾಡಿದೆ. ಹಾಗೆ ಆ ಹುಡುಗರ ತಂದೆತಾಯಿಗಳಿಗೆ ಯಾವ ಸಹಾಯವನ್ನೂ ನೀಡತಕ್ಕ ಅವಕಾಶ ಈ ಯೋಜನೆಯಲ್ಲಿಲ್ಲ.

Construction of High Level Causeway across Feeder Halla near Bommanahalli.

*Q.—171. Sri K. L. NARASIMHAIAH (Hebbur).—

Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that the construction of high level cause way across feeder halla on road leading to Haralur Tank near Bommanahalli in Tumkur Taluk was estimated for Rs. 16,000 long back ;

(*b*) whether it is a fact the public traffic has been greatly affected in view of the delay ;

(*c*) if so, whether they will examine and sanction it early ?

A.—Sri H. M. CHANNABASAPPA (Minister for Public Works and Electricity).—

(*a*) An estimate for Rs. 14,500 was prepared in 1957. It has been revised to Rs. 16,000 on 7th February 1959.

(*b*) Yes, during the rainy season.

(*c*) As the cross drainage work is on a non-P.W.D. road, sanction to it is being considered in the light of general orders of Government regarding construction of bridges and culverts on District Fund and other non-P.W.D. roads across rivers/nallas having a waterway of more than 20 ft.

ಶ್ರೀ ಕೆ. ಎಲ್. ನರಸಿಂಹಯ್ಯ.—ಈ ಸೇತುವೆಯ ಕೆಲಸವಾಗದೆ ಇರುವುದರಿಂದ ಕಳೆದ 3 ವರ್ಷಗಳಿಂದಲೂ ಅರಳೂರು ಕೆರೆಯ ಕೆಲಸ ನಡೆಯಲು ಸಾಧ್ಯವಿಲ್ಲದೆ ಅದು ನಿಂತುಹೋಗಿದೆ ಎಂಬ ಅಂಶ ಸರ್ಕಾರದವರ ಗಮನಕ್ಕೆ ಬಂದಿದೆಯೇ ?

†Sri M. N. NAGHNOOR (Deputy Minister for Public Works).—That has not come to the notice of Government and that information is not available with me.

ಶ್ರೀ ಕೆ. ಎಲ್. ನರಸಿಂಹಯ್ಯ.—ಈ ಸೇತುವೆ ಕಟ್ಟದೆ ಅರಳೂರು ಕೆರೆಗೆ ಜನರು ಕೆಲಸಮಾಡಲು ಹೋಗುವುದಕ್ಕಾಗುವುದಿಲ್ಲವೆಂಬ ಅಂಶ ಸರ್ಕಾರದವರ ಗಮನಕ್ಕೆ ಬಂದಿದೆಯೇ ?

Sri M. N. NAGHNOOR—It has come to the notice of the Government that there is need to construct this project.

ಶ್ರೀ ಕೆ. ಎಲ್. ನರಸಿಂಹಯ್ಯ.—ಈ ಸೇತುವೆಯನ್ನು ಯಾವಾಗ ಕಟ್ಟಿಸುತ್ತೀರಾ ?

Sri M. N. NAGHNOOR.—It may be possible to undertake this work this year.

ಶ್ರೀ ಜಿ. ಎಸ್. ಪುಟ್ಟಣ್ಣ.—ಇಲ್ಲಿ ಸರ್ಕಾರದವರು (c)ಗೆ ಒಂದು ರೀತಿಯಾಗಿ ಉತ್ತರ ಕೊಟ್ಟು ಈಗ ಆ ಕೆಲಸವನ್ನು ಈ ವರ್ಷ ಮಾಡುತ್ತೇವೆಂದು ಹೇಳುತ್ತಿದ್ದಾರೆ. ಈ ಎರಡು ರೀತಿಯ ಉತ್ತರಗಳಲ್ಲಿ ಸರಿ ಯಾವುದು, ತಪ್ಪು ಯಾವುದು ?

Sri M. N. NAGHNOOR.—The answer is furnished in (c) itself that Government has taken a decision to take up works of culverts with a waterway of more than 20 feet even on roads other than P.W.D. and D.L.B. Roads. The Government has decided to take up such works not covered by P.W.D. by this year.

Sri G. N. PUTTANNA.—The N.E.S in Tumkur has not taken up this question ; the P.W.D. has not taken up this question. It is a very important road. ಈ ಸೇತುವೆ ಆಗದೆ ಅಲ್ಲಿ 10-15 ಗ್ರಾಮಗಳ ಜನಗಳಿಗೆ ತುಂಬಾ ತೊಂದರೆಯಾಗಿದೆ. ಇದು ಬಹು ಮುಖ್ಯವಾದ ಸೇತುವೆ. ಆದುದರಿಂದ ಇದನ್ನು ಸರ್ಕಾರದವರು P.W.D. ಮೂಲಕವಾಗಲೀ N.E.S. ಮೂಲಕವಾಗಲೀ ಕಟ್ಟಿಸಿಕೊಡುತ್ತಾರೆಯೇ?

Sri H. M. CHANNABASAPPA.—It does not need a big argument. The Deputy Minister has specifically made a statement that it may be possible to take it up this year.

Sri G. N. PUTTANNA.—The Deputy Minister has stated that it may be taken up. It will be done ಎಂದು ಹೇಳಿದರೆ ಆಗ ನಾವು ಸುಮ್ಮನಾಗುತ್ತೇವೆ.

Sri H. M. CHANNABASAPPA.—The Deputy Minister has already stated that it may be taken up ; it means that it will be taken up.

Supply of Text Books in time ot the Students of Primary and Middle Schools.

*Q.—207. Smt. LAKSHMIDEVI RAMANNA (Chamarajpet).—

Will the Government be pleased to state :—

the steps that have been taken to provide Text Books in time for students of primary and middle schools during 1960-61 ?

A.—Sri ANNA RAO GANAMUKHI (Minister for Education).—

The existing Text Books on all subjects and for all classes excepting the books for the standards III and IV have been continued for the year 1960-61. New books according to new syllabus for the standards III and IV for the year 1960-61 have been called for, fixing 15th January 1960 as the last date for submission of books to the Office of the D.P.I. After selection and prescription by the Text-Book Committee, the new books will be printed and made available along with all the continued books to the students by the respective authors and publishers latest by 10th May 1960 well before the schools reopen in the third week of May 1960.

As far as Kannada Primary Readers for III and IV standards are concerned the Department has taken action to get them written and published through the Department.